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AND
DEAN JOSEPH M. McLAUGHLIN:
A COMBINED TRIBUTE

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IT is a special privilege for me to be able to pay tribute to the *Fordham Law Review* on publication of its fiftieth volume and to Dean Joseph M. McLaughlin for his twenty years of gifted teaching and ten years of outstanding leadership of Fordham Law School. As a friend of both for the past twenty years, I am singularly honored to add these brief comments.

The *Fordham Law Review* and Dean McLaughlin have much in common. They both started humbly and rose rapidly to positions of great preeminence in the American legal profession. Undoubtedly, some larger purpose has been at work in their achieving milestones at the same point in time.

The *Review* was founded in 1914, stopped in 1917 because of World War I, and revived in 1935 in the wake of the Great Depression. At its inception, it numbered only about 50 pages, was priced at \$1.00 a year, and consisted of notes on recent decisions and book reviews. Its subscribers totalled approximately 600, including fewer than 40 members of the Fordham alumni. Urging greater support for the *Review*, the editors of Volume III noted in 1917 that "when the *Review* becomes what we want to make it . . . every Fordham graduate will share in the prestige which it will attach to the Fordham name."

Today the *Fordham Law Review* is a renowned legal publication. Its prestige and influence are worldwide. Its contributions to legal scholarship are considerable. Its circulation is in the thousands, and it can be found in libraries and law offices throughout the United States. On its more than 1,000 pages each year appear numerous leading articles by prominent members of the bench and bar, student notes of depth, and reviews of new legal works.

Throughout its existence, the *Fordham Law Review* has contributed significantly to our jurisprudence and the administration of justice. It has been of invaluable assistance to lawyers in the representation of clients, to judges in the work of the courts, to students in the development of independence of thought and legal skills, to the authors of articles, and to scholars. Hardly a year goes by in which scores of leading articles and student works are not cited in important federal and state court decisions. Just recently the United States Supreme

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Court, in breaking new ground in the labor field, referred to an article in the *Fordham Law Review*.

The success of the *Fordham Law Review* is due to the many hundreds of men and women who have served with distinction on its staff. Many former staff members now are prominent judges, teachers, practicing lawyers, and public servants. Included in this group are such Fordham notables as Judge Lucille P. Buell, Professor John D. Calamari, Denis McInerney, Esq., Judge and former Dean William Hughes Mulligan, Bernard J. Reilly, now President-elect of the New York State Bar Association, Caesar L. Pitassy, Esq., and John R. Vaughan, Esq. Professor Leonard F. Manning, as faculty advisor, has been an inspiring and guiding force behind the ascendancy of the *Review* during the second half of its existence. Not enough can be said about the impact he has had on the lives of the students who have served on the *Review* in the span from Volume XXXIII to Volume L.

One such student, Dean Joseph M. McLaughlin, the editor-in-chief of Volume XXVII, has just closed a brilliant career at Fordham Law School and begins what surely will be a great career as a member of the Federal judiciary. He has set standards of excellence and scholarship that should serve as models for future Deans of Fordham Law School. The *Law Review* owes much to Dean McLaughlin for his contributions as a student and teacher and for his encouragement and active support throughout his Deanship. At the start of his tenure as Dean, the *Law Review* published four issues. Since then, it has expanded to six issues; its breadth and influence have grown; and its readership has increased dramatically. The *Review* is widely regarded as one of the nation's top legal publications.

No tribute to the *Fordham Law Review* would be complete without an acknowledgment of the dedication and many contributions of Ann Sullivan, the *Review's* business secretary.

The *Fordham Law Review* and Dean McLaughlin exemplify the best that is Fordham. I salute them and wish both continued great success in all future endeavors. We all will share in that success.